

The Mission

Founded in 2003,
Fishers of Men
is an organization
of evangelical Christians
whose mission is
to glorify God
by meeting the basic needs
of our neighbor
while seeking the integral
transformation of that person.



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Be Part of the Mission!

You can partner with Fishers of Men
through your prayers,
financial support,
or involvement on a mission trip.

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The Two Facets of the Mission



**Evangelistic Medical
Mission Caravans**



Refuge Ranch

Evangelistic Medical Mission Caravans

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching...preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." Matthew 9:35

In a country imprisoned by a national religion permeated with empty rituals and superstitions, Fishers of Men, through free medical and dental clinics conducted under the leadership of Kevin & Yueminis Gonzales, provides much needed medical attention throughout Mexico, while offering the hope and help that come through a personal faith in Christ. Volunteer doctors, specialists, dentists, nurses, dental hygienists, paramedics, optometrists, physical therapists, chiropractors, children's workers, hair stylists and general volunteers meet the physical needs of the local population, while sharing the hope found through salvation in Jesus Christ.



Kevin & Yueminis
Gonzales
Directors of EMMC

While waiting for their free prescription, individuals who come for treatment have a one-on-one conversation with a volunteer who shares the message of Christ and offers them the opportunity to accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Volunteer children's workers share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the local children through songs, games,

crafts, Bible stories and clowning. Evangelistic Medical Mission Caravans (EMMC) occur regularly throughout the year, ranging from one to ten days in length, with teams involving an average of 30 volunteers from Mexico and other countries. Each caravan takes place in partnership with a local missionary or church in order to ensure effective follow-up and discipleship.

Refuge Ranch

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

A snow-capped volcano and rolling valleys in central Mexico provide the backdrop for a new home and a new beginning for children in need of a forever family. Committed to providing the children with the love, support, structure and freedom found within the context of a Christian family, Julie, with the help of support staff, seeks to raise each child as her own at Refuge Ranch. Everyday family life provides each child with the opportunity to come to know and experience the reality of the love of Christ that can transform hearts and habits, enabling them to fulfill the Lord's good, pleasing and perfect will for each of them. Homeschooling aids this process through the use of Christian curriculum and by catering to each child's unique educational needs.

Since the founding of Fishers of Men in 2003, 25 children have called Refuge Ranch their home. Each child has a unique story, but the one thing they all have in common is that they have experienced some kind of abandonment and need a



loving family. Over the years, the children continue to grow up and get married or go on to independent living. Sadly, death took Danny at age 5 after surgery due to a severe congenital heart condition.

Currently, 9 children live at Refuge Ranch. **Caleb** is one of Julie's three biological children. **Martha** joined the family as a young girl when she walked alone from her mountain village seeking treatment at an EMMC. She came home with the crusade team, leaving behind a life of abuse and malnutrition. **Ana's** birth mother, impoverished and struggling to raise five children, surrendered Ana at birth. **Joseline** became part of the family upon the death of her single mother.

Mauricio and **Kimberly** came from living with their grandmother who was no longer able to properly care for them. **Jose**, **Alondra** and **Nicolas** are siblings who experienced traumatic domestic violence. A larger home is currently under construction in order to welcome more children as God leads. Julie also continues to play a vital role in her adult children's lives as friend, confidante and grandma.